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Note for the DCI	
Since our airstrikes this morning, military activity against US Marine positions near Beirut airport has increased sharply. So far, the Marines have suffered eight killed, and two wounded.	
Firing on the Marines,	25 <b>X</b> 1
is coming from Druze positions on the high ground around the airport. It includes heavy small arms, mortar and artillery, and antiaircraft fire.	25X1
So far as we can tell at the moment, there is no Syrian involvement in the current situation.	
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To reconfirm, we lost two aircraft this morning-an A-6 and A-7. The pilot of the A-7 has been safely recovered and is back aboard his carrier. The two A-6 pilots are in the hands of the Syrians and will probably be taken to Damascus. There are some press reports which claim one of the pilots has died, but we have no confirmation or evidence to support this statement.	
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